

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 16, 1999

FROM: **CHARLES R. JERVIS**, Director
County Medical Center

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT 97-446 (AS AMENDED) WITH EMPIRE MEDICAL GROUP

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Medical Center Director to approve assignment of Agreement 97-446 (as amended) with Empire Medical Group (EMG) to California Emergency Physicians Medical Group, effective April 1, 1999.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: EMG is a local physician-owned professional corporation which has been providing professional services for the Emergency Department and Trauma Center since 1982. California Emergency Physicians Medical Group (CEP) is a large private physician-owned professional corporation that provides professional services to emergency rooms all over the state of California. Locally, they provide such services to Community Hospital of San Bernardino, St. Bernardine Medical Center, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, and other local hospitals.

The physicians in EMG have been offered partnership status in CEP and have accepted the offer. This partnership will both expand their professional opportunities and enable the Medical Center to draw upon a much larger pool of knowledge and expertise to replace physicians and solve problems.

The Director, Medical Director and the Executive Medical Staff are all in agreement that this assignment will be good for the Medical Center and operation of the Emergency Room.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Paragraph 8.06 requires that the Board approves the assignment of the contract. Further, because the Stark II and Speier laws require that contracts for physician services be at least one year in duration, a new contract would have meant that this contract would have been out of sync with all of the other contracts which expire on June 30, 1999. Also, CEP has agreed to honor all terms and conditions of the contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There will be no additional financial impact as a result of this assignment.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This action has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel).

PRESENTER: Charles R. Jervis, Director, County Medical Center.